

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is being provided in response to the Final Office Action dated February 1, 2006 for the above-referenced application. In this response, Applicant has cancelled Claim 101 and amended Claims 51 and 72 in order to clarify that which Applicant deems to be the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims are all supported by the originally filed application.

The rejection of Claims 51-66, 69-87 and 90-101 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2 has been addressed by Claim amendments provided herein in accordance with the guidelines provided in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection as applied to Claim 101 is moot in view of the cancellation of Claim 101 herein.

In following paragraphs, Applicant will point out exemplary sections of the originally filed application which provide support for features of amended independent Claims 51 and 72.

Applicant's invention as set forth in amended independent Claims 51 and 72 is directed to viewing a visual form of data associated with tags. Data in its visual form may be, for example, what is displayed on a computer display or what is printed. (Page 1, Lines 23-34; Page 6, Line 31-Page 7, line 1). Data in its visual form may be represented, for example, as a vector image or a bitmap image for display on a display device. (Page 7, Lines 10-11, Lines 20-21). Data 56 representing the visual form may be stored as a report 60 with tags 62 in a database 64. The tags 62 include identifying information for the report. (Page 7, Lines 24-27; Page 14, Lines 7-18; Figure 1). A report previewer 80 receives reports 78 and tags 74 to display a report to the user. (Page 8, Lines 14-15). After a user has opened the database and is viewing a set of reports,

the user may select one or more reports to be previewed. (Page 21, Lines 16-18). In connection with a preview command, a control file 1200 with a predetermined name is created including the tags and the names of the temporary files containing the metafile for each page of each report to be previewed. The query interface spawns the report previewer 80 which in turn accesses the control file to read and display the reports. The report previewer 80 displays the reports by playing the metafiles to a device context for the display. The previewer may perform many kinds of operations on the played metafile data. The previewer may permit a user to find instances of specified text in the report. The report previewer processes the text in each selected metafile into an ordered list so that words may be searched for in the order that they appear within each metafile. Ordering text in metafiles is performed by identifying each TEXTOUT command in the metafile and obtaining its corresponding coordinates. The TEXTOUT commands are then sorted by page (i.e., metafile), by Y position in the display area, and then by X position in the display area. The sorted commands are converted into a list of records of text strings and the position of the text string in the display. Any text strings that are close together, within a percentage of the text height, may be concatenated. (Page 22, Lines 4-29). TEXTOUT commands specify intercharacter spacing for strings. (Page 28, Lines 10-21).

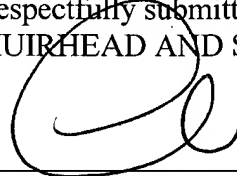
In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments made herein, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claim 101 under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Draper et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,924,096) in view of Kawamura et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,467,444) is moot in view of the cancellation of Claim 101 herein.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Based on the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections. Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 508-898-8604.

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